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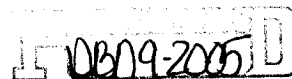
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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
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RE: Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for
adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water service;
Docket No. 2005-217-WS

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five (5) copies of the Response of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. to Data Requests 1.17, 1.24 and 1.31 of the Office of Regulatory Staff, Second Set in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of same and enclose a certificate of service to that effect.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this document by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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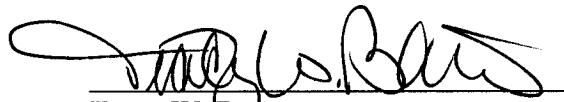
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of Response of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. to Data Requests 1.17, 1.24 and 1.31 of the Office of Regulatory Staff, Second Set by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esquire
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Office of Regulatory Staff
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Columbia, South Carolina
This 20th day of September, 2005.